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Work of the Federation of State Clubs Re-

BREEZY PAPERS BY BRIGHT THINKERS

Some of the Social and Intellectual
Features of the Second Annual
Meeting Just Closed at
Capital City

LINCOLN, Oct. 5.—(Special).—The second meeting of the Nebraska Federation of Woman's Clubs opened its first session Thursday afternoon, October 3, at 2 o'clock, in the First Congregational church at Lincoln. The Lincoln women had tastefully decorated the interior of the auditorium. Over the pulpit, in green, hung the customary "Welcome," draped with corn-colored bunting.

The church is said to be able to seat 600 persons, and there was not a vacant place in the house when the address of welcome, by the City Federation of Lincoln, was delivered. It was a neat little address, full of grace, cheer and cordiality. In response to the prayer of the pastor, the Rev. J. H. H. M. Hentzen, president of the General Federation, and the Rev. J. H. H. Hentzen, president of the Lincoln Federation, were present on account of illness in her family. This was a disappointment, but even this was forgotten under the spell of eloquent words. Mr. Hentzen's address, "The Future" was one of the most original and inspiring productions of a session repeated by him to a large audience, without manuscript notes, and discourse earnestly, fluently and logically by Mr. Sawyer, sharing with but few other members the great honor.

Many papers, giving evidence of careful research and preparation, were read during the two days the federation was in session. Of these the titles only can be glanced at. Mrs. Lena Chase of Weeping Water read a breezy paper on "As Others See Us;" Miss Irene Byron of Omaha one on "Opposition to

Dr. Spottiswood of Orange, N. J., spoke for a few minutes of club work in the east. She pleased the members very much by declaring that she could find no sharp line of difference between the woman of the east and those of the west. Dr. Spottiswood has

never been west before, but during a vacation spent upon the Maine coast she met one who she considered must be a typical western woman. She was bright, breezy, energetic and had a merry, contagious laugh. Surely, she was of the west. Inquiry, however, divulged the astonishing fact—she came from classic Boston.

A number of the delegates were invited to read the two-minute report of their clubs.

Mrs. D. G. McKellop, of Sarnia, delivered

her's in rhyme, to the enjoyment of all. Several other reports showed considerable originality in presentation. After a motion had prevailed to discontinue the reading of the reports, because of lack of time, Mrs. Peattie, acting president, asked the federation's indulgence that she might hear the report of the Violet club of Holdrege. Miss Katie Hymer came forward and read a report as modest in its author, and as clear as the one before.

This little club consists of fourteen girls. The youngest member is 14 years old and the oldest is 18. They hold regular meet-

The federation is composed of forty clubs and represents over 2,000 women. Each club was represented at this gathering by one or more delegates. The register showed that twenty-four different towns were represented. Of the presidents, who compose the board of directors, there were thirty present. These

The constitution provides for a nominating committee, who shall present two names for each office. Upon these the delegates ballot. In this manner the following officers were chosen:

President, Mrs. A. W. Field of Lincoln; vice president, Mrs. Belle Stoutenburg, Plattsburgh; secretary, Miss Hascal, Stromsburg; treasurer, Mrs. E. J. B. ...

Mrs. O. A. Abbott, Grand Island.
WILL HAVE A LIBRARY.

The principal matter of discussion of the session was upon the subject of a circulating library. Mrs. Stoutenburg of Plattsmouth ably championed this project, and was assisted by Mrs. Harris, Mrs. McMurphy, Mrs. Towne and others. Many of the clubs are quite beyond the reach of public libraries, and the books that are needed for study and refer-

ence are not to be obtained. A resolution was adopted providing for a committee of five to be appointed by the president, two of whom shall be from the cities and three from smaller towns, who shall draw up outlines of study in English literature, English, French and German history, sociology and art, and have power to purchase such books as shall be deemed necessary to carry on these studies. These outlines will be offered to such clubs as are in doubt as to a course of

study. This resolution also suggests that each member of the clubs which belong to the federation pay the small sum of 10 cents to add to this library fund. Such a contribution from Omaha will mean about \$50, from Lincoln as much and from Fremont \$20; in all, a sum of \$200 will thus be raised. That there might be a small nucleus, a free will offering was taken at the last session and \$25 was thus obtained. Mrs. Ella W. Peattie was made president of the funds and treasurer of the

After some discussion, following a short talk on the subject by Mrs. Frank Heller of Omaha, it was decided to accept the invitation of the Crete Chautauqua assembly and hold there a mid-winter meeting. The officers were instructed to prepare a program for one day and evening. Many club women throughout the state will have access to this gathering that are unable to reach the

On Thursday evening the City Federation of Lincoln gave a reception to the delegates at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sawyer. No pains were spared to make this a most happy occasion. The rooms were very full, but many pleasant acquaintances were made and much pleasant converse was enjoyed.

The Dovey children sang and were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Percy Ford of Omaha, Mrs.

There are four points worthy of especial remark in this meeting of the federation, which will make it long remembered by all:

First—The variety and unquestioned excellency of every number of the program.

Second—The sympathetic attention of large and unusually intelligent audiences.

Third—The perfect grace, dignity and happy

Fourth—The magnificent generosity, kindness and hospitality of the ladies of Lincoln.

A Tame Humming Bird.

A tame humming bird, which had been domiciled at Mr. and Mrs. Whitten's, near the camp ground station, at Old Orchard, all summer, was still an object of wonder and

interest, relates the Lewiston (Me.) Journal, to many people who call to watch the movements of this diminutive pet. The bird has become perfectly domesticated, and has been allowed to fly in and out of the house at pleasure by a window that has been left open for it. It is one of the family, and enjoys its privileges as such. By night it perches on a piece of clothes line strung in the kitchen, and on rainy days flutters about among the plants and flowers in the house.

Recently it disappeared and was gone fifteen days, but one morning its hostess heard the familiar tap of the tiny bill on the window pane, and admitted "birdy," and it has since remained with her. The little fellow shows as much jealousy as a spoiled child, and flies to the window with evident demonstrations of displeasure when another humming bird, perhaps its mate, occasionally appears at the outside of the glass.
